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Olympian. In town

▶ Cheryl Bernard

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Cool treats for charity

Olympic silver-medallist curler Cheryl Bernard was on hand Thursday at Olympic Plaza, handing out Blizzards for Miracle Treat Day in exchange for donations to the Alberta Children's Hospital. Calgary is the final stop for Dairy Queen's Blizzard Mobile, which has been on a tour of North America.

Cops rule baby death a homicide

Autopsy results determine cause of death was blunt-force trauma to the head

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Police have declared the death of a 26-day-old infant a homicide but have yet to lay charges in the case.

The baby, identified as Daniel Herchak, was brought to the Alberta Children's Hospital on the morning of Aug. 9 where he died eight to 10 hours later, according to Acting Insp. Doug Andrus.

"The child was with family members when the ambulance was called," he said, adding that EMS was contacted by the family.

Because of the nature of the boy's injuries, hospital staff contacted the child abuse unit, which then contacted the homicide unit.

Andrus said the 18-year-old mother of the infant and other family members have been co-operative with the investigation.

While unable to confirm whether charges are pending, Andrus said the investigation is ongoing.

"We've contacted and interviewed everyone who had access to the child," Andrus said.

"We're in the early stages of our investigation and are looking at all possible leads."

Police said Daniel's father is not a suspect as he was estranged from the baby's mother and was not involved in raising the child.

"At this point, charges have not been laid. It's a complex investigation."
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Oddity

It's not cancer, sir — it's a pea

U.S. patient expecting cancer diagnosis is told ominous mass in lung is just a sprouting pea ▶ Man was suffering from diminishing health {page 11}

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Recent cataclysmic weather puts scientists on alert {page 6}

The dark side of rock 'n' roll

Alan Cross on Dave Mustaine's autobiography {page 24}

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Work begins on new underpass

Trying to get across the tracks in the East Village can be frustrating, but not for long — ground broke Thursday on the 4th Street underpass.

The underpass is heavily focused on the needs of pedestrians and cyclists, with LED lighting and a separate bike lane, and will open in late 2012.

"We have worked hard to create a plane of safety and comfort for the pedestrians," said Ald. Druh Farrell.

The link will be the first way to get from the East Village across the tracks without going around.

"This will be a valuable link — really appreciated by anyone coming from Stampede Park after a Flames game," said Chris Ollenberger, a spokesperson for Calgary Municipal Land Corporation.

The underpass is part of the revitalization of the East Village undertaken by CMLC, and will eventually connect residents in new condominiums to the southern half of downtown.

"The purpose of the 4th Street underpass is to connect people and place," said Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

Plans were revamped and the underpass was moved so it would not require the demolition of the King Eddy Hotel.

PETER MCCARTNEY

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▶ Work has begun on a new underpass to connect the East Village and Stampede Park.

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Man's flight 'worth it': Greenpeace

Carbon emissions for a round-trip flight to Belgium are roughly 5.08 tonnes

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Greenpeace will "most likely" help a Belgian activist who participated in their Calgary Tower stunt fly back home, despite the carbon footprint necessary for transatlantic travel.

Although he acknowledges the emissions necessary to fly between Belgium and Calgary, Greenpeace spokesperson Mike Hudema said it's worth it.

"If our action helps to stop (tar sands emissions from tripling) and pushes Alberta and Canada to invest in green jobs and healthy communities, then the emissions of a plane ride would have been worth it," said Hudema.

He said the carbon cost for bringing him over was justifiable, so the protest could incite change.

"I would love to compare all of the Alberta government trips and compare their carbon cost."
MIKE HUDEMA, GREENPEACE SPOKESPERSON

"I think we all have an obligation to try to reduce our carbon footprint but sometimes we need to make sacrifices to push for greater justice," said Hudema.

"We look at each case carefully to weigh out the pluses and minuses of extra carbon emissions. In this case we have a very skilled climber who could ensure the safety of everyone involved, it was worth it."

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▶ Greenpeace says it will "most likely" pay for a Belgian man's legal costs in the city for the group's act of protest, pictured, last week.

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Opinion

DJ KELLY
THE SCRUTINEER, WITH ANALYSIS OF CIVIC ISSUES LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION

TRAIN'S LEFT PLATFORM BEHIND

My weekly column is aimed at giving you more of the story-behind-the-story around the issues and the candidates. I hope you'll read this section each Friday as I try to break down more barriers to voter participation. Goal: Engage Calgary voters.

How long does it take for a candidate to write a policy platform?

Surely, the majority of what goes into their platform are the things that made them want to run for city council in the first place. So shouldn't it follow that these things would be second nature to them before they declare themselves a candidate?

Barb Higgins recently announced her candidacy without a platform. At her press conference she talked broadly about what she wants to see happen, but gave no details as to how she suggests we accomplish those things. Her response to questions about the Peace Bridge and the auditor debacle? "I look forward to talking about those things." Apparently, just not that day. And if not that day, then when?

She promised to release her policy platform by Labour Day — although she did announce a high level "framework" yesterday. Until then we just have to guess what her basic opinions on key issues are.

After months of waiting, mayoral front-runner Ald. Ric McIver yesterday released "his vision for Calgary." This document has been in demand by many as voters try to figure out what the man known as "Dr. No" says "yes" to. McIver's vision document comes almost three months after he officially said he wanted the mayor's job.

With the Internet playing a large role in this election, turn-around time is crucial. Candidates have to be ready to respond to information requests and crises at the drop of a "tweet." Courage under fire and sticking to your core beliefs are major things we look for in our leaders.

Take McIver's announcement as an example. After waiting three months, competitor Naheed Nenshi, who has done a very good job articulating his own platform, responded only five hours later with a detailed — albeit somewhat snide — analysis of where he thinks the holes in McIver's logic are.

For example — "he suggests that we need to enhance transit, but he also voted for the $3 park-and-ride charge, which led to decreased ridership. Which is it — build up the system or discourage people from using it?"

Three months versus five hours.

Whether you agree or disagree with either candidate you can see the problem here. It's reminiscent of the infamous "3 a.m. phone call" ad Hillary Clinton ran during the last presidential primary in the United States. If it takes a candidate months to come up with something that should be second nature, how long will it take them to rebut legitimate criticism that requires a thoughtful response?

If a candidate doesn't know what they stand for or they can't articulate it, they're going to have a hard time getting elected because voters know what a hard time they'll have getting anything done if they do get elected.

So far Calgary hasn't had a good start in this area.

News in brief

Teen dead on side of Hwy. 2A

INVESTIGATION. Red Deer RCMP were called Thursday to a location on Highway 2A just south of the city where they found the body of a 17-year-old male at the side of the road.

An autopsy is underway for the man, who police say died sometime between 11:30, when he made a phone call, and 1:30 a.m. Officials believe the teen is from Penhold and are investigating the circumstances of his death.

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Info sought in bike crash

ACCIDENT. Alcohol could be the cause of a motorcycle accident on Northmount Drive early Thursday morning.

Police say the 30-year-old man was riding without a helmet when he jumped the curb and lost control around 1 a.m. He remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward.

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Man arrested on warrant

BREAK AND ENTER. Calgary police have arrested and charged a man wanted on a break and enter warrant.

Clinton Edward McKenzie, 43, of Calgary was arrested without incident in the 8000 block of Deerfoot Trail NE on Thursday morning. He was wanted in connection with a July break and enter at a warehouse.

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Doctors confirm bacteria strain

AHS' Dr. Joffe says anyone considering international travel for treatment needs to consider options carefully

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Doctors in Edmonton are confirming media reports that there's a relatively new way for bacteria to become resistant to antibiotics and it's leaving few choices for treatment.

"This is the latest twist on what is really an old story. The gradual accumulation of resistance to antibiotics that we see in bacteria," confirmed Dr. Mark Joffe, Alberta Health Services (AHS) senior medical director. "As they accumulate new ways of becoming resistant to the antibiotics, we may have fewer and fewer choices left for treatment."

ANDREAS MORSE/METRO CALGARY

▶ Dr. Gerry Predy and Dr. Mark Joffe.

Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta Health Services senior medical officer of health, said there has been a case of a patient infected with this new organism back in the spring but wouldn't go into the patient's details. Only one other similar infection has been reported in Canada, a woman who was successfully treated in B.C.

"We are concerned about it, for sure," Joffe said. "We're concerned about this globally because most of the strains that have been identified so far come from the Indian subcontinent and the U.K." WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Area student receives award, scholarship

Local student Walter Pang has received the Edit Petrovic Memorial Award and a $2,500 scholarship from ECO Canada for founding the Youth Earth Ambassadors.

"To receive this award was unreal. I probably would not have been able to go to university without it," said Pang.

He plans on attending the Environmental Accounting program at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He said his running of the YEA likely won him the award.

After its first year alone, the YEA had over 4,000 volunteer hours of environmental services.

PETER MCCARTNEY

BRETTE EHALT/FOR METRO CALGARY

▶ Natalie Farrell, 17, works away in a Calgary neuroscience lab for the summer.

Teen works magic on mice

Calgary-area Grade 12 student spending the summer investigating how signals travel along the spinal cord

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With a little help, she is bringing dissected limbs back to life.

Natalie Farrell, 17, a Canmore Collegiate student, is spending her summer in the lab of Patrick Whelan, a University of Calgary neuroscientist, as part of the 2010 Heritage Youth Researcher Summer program.

"Natalie is looking at chemicals, which can be used to reactivate dormant areas of the spinal cord, those that produce walking," Whelan said.

41K

The number of Canadians living with a spinal cord injury, according to the Rick Hansen Institute.

The research is crucial to helping improve the rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injuries.

Before joining Whelan's lab on July 6, Farrell said she knew "nothing" about the spinal cord.

"You don't realize how much it controls," she said.

But now, after dissecting and studying 50 mice, Farrell knows a lot. Every day, Farrell isolates their spinal cords and hind limbs, bathes them in fluids and dopamine, and watches what happens.

"They physically walk again, alternating legs. I record it and measure the changes in their movements."

After she graduates, Farrell plans to study life sciences at Queen's University.

"I have never been so challenged," said Farrell of the whole experience.

WEEKEND

Fun awaits at Chinatown Street Festival

Calgary will be celebrating eastern culture with a bang this weekend as the 10th annual Chinatown Street Festival kicks off on Saturday.

With a full day of events planned, Debbie White of the City of Calgary says they hope to see plenty of Calgarians turn up.

"I think it's a good opportunity for Calgarians to experience the history and the culture in Chinatown and just an opportunity to get to participate and see all the performers," she said.

White said one of the highlights of the day will be the fireworks that will be set off from the Centre Street bridge at 10 p.m.

KATIE TURNER

Higgins releases platform

Mayoral candidate Barb Higgins released her seven-point platform Thursday, citing "financial responsibility" as her top priority.

"The next council needs to re-assess the budget development process," said Higgins on her website. "Sixty-million-dollar budget shortfalls are unacceptable."

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JetBlue man turned air blue?

A flight attendant who made a now-notorious slide down a plane's emergency chute was rude to passengers.

That's the story from women aboard the JetBlue flight that ended dramatically in New York.

Marjorie Briskin, 53, claimed flight attendant Steven Slater blurted out an expletive during conversation with a passenger over luggage just after the plane landed from Pittsburgh.

A young woman asked Slater which overhead bin her bag was in.

The conversation quickly turned nasty after Slater slung the expletive, Briskin said.

Lauren Dominijanni, 25, said Slater "rolled his eyes at me" when she asked for a wipe to clean up coffee someone spilled on her seat.

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Rain boosts misery of landslides

Rain caused new landslides and swelled rivers Thursday in the northwestern China region where hundreds have died in massive slides triggered by flooding.

A deluge triggered mudslides that swept away six houses in Xiangba village.

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Gaza-raid probe sets new date

Initial discussions by a UN panel probing Israel's raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla took place "in a positive atmosphere" and more talks will be held in early September, the United Nations said Thursday.

Eight Turkish activists and a Turkish American were killed.

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Is the world heading for climate calamity?

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▶ A firefighter is framed by massive flames from a forest fire near the village of Dolginino in Ryazan region, about 180 kilometres southeast of Moscow.

Floods, fires, melting ice and feverish heat:

From smoke-choked Moscow to water-soaked Pakistan and the High Arctic, the planet seems to be having a midsummer breakdown.

It's a sign of troubling climate change already under way, scientists say.

The weather-related cataclysms of July and August fit patterns predicted by climate scientists, says the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organization.

The experts see an urgent need for better ways to forecast extreme events like Russia's heat wave and the record deluge devastating Pakistan.

They'll discuss such tools in meetings this month and next in Europe and America, under United Nations, U.S. and British government sponsorship.

"There is no time to waste," because societies must be equipped to deal with global warming, says British government climatologist Peter Stott.

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Wacky weather

Storms and heat have left many parts of the world reeling. Three examples:

- **Russia:** It has been the hottest summer ever recorded in Russia with Moscow temperatures topping 38 C for the first time.
- **China:** The worst floods in decades have hit the northwest province of Gansu. There, floods and landslides have killed 1,100. Six hundred are missing.
- **Arctic:** A chunk of ice the size of Manhattan has broken off the Petermann Glacier in Greenland's far northwest. In the Arctic ocean, the summer melt has reached unprecedented proportions.

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Iran forced her confession?

TEHRAN. A lawyer for an Iranian woman who faced death by stoning for adultery said Thursday he suspects she was tortured into confessing she was an unwitting accomplice to her husband's murder.

Iranian state television broadcast the purported confession of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, 43, in an apparent attempt to deflect criticism of her case.

Iran last month lifted the stoning sentence after international outrage.

Iran says Ashtiani has also been convicted of involvement in the murder of her husband. She could still be executed by hanging.

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Prez has blood on his hands?

PARAMARIBO. A former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer was sworn in as Suriname's president Thursday.

Desi Bouterse is on trial for his alleged role in an abduction and the summary execution of suspected enemies of the military regime.

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WikiLeaks not done yet

LONDON. WikiLeaks' Julian Assange warned Thursday his organization is preparing to release the rest of the secret Afghan war documents it has on file.

The Pentagon warned that would risk more lives than the organization's initial release of some 76,000 war documents.

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U.S. Marines sail in to ease flood agony

More rain falls in Pakistan, UN warns dams could burst • Prime minister begs world to help overcome one of the worst natural disasters

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▶ Flood-hit folk stretch out their arms for relief items distributed at a camp in Nowshera, Pakistan, on Thursday.

A shipload of U.S. Marines and helicopters arrived to boost relief efforts in flooded Pakistan on Thursday.

But Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said his country needs more international help to cope with one of the worst natural disasters in its history.

The United Nations warned the crisis is far from over, saying dams in Sindh province could still burst in the coming days.

More rain fell around the country, and monsoon season is forecast to last several weeks still.

The government has been sharply criticized for a slow and patchy response to the floods, which have killed 1,500 people left and left an estimated seven million people needing emergency assistance, their homes destroyed, damaged or inundated with muddy water and unlivable.

President Asif Ali Zardari — whose decision to go ahead with a trip to Europe was condemned by many — made his first visit to victims of the disaster on Thursday.

The USS Peleliu arrived off the coast near Karachi on Thursday along with helicopters and about 1,000 Marines.

The helicopters will fly to flood-hit areas and rescue stranded people and deliver food and supplies.

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Key Liberal staffer killed

OTTAWA. There's a gaping hole in Michael Ignatieff's inner circle following the sudden death of his communications director in a motorcycle accident. Mario Lague, 52. was on his way into work Thursday when his motorcycle was involved in a collision with an SUV.

His death comes just three days after Ignatieff's principal secretary, Jean Marc Fournier, resigned to take up a post in Quebec Premier Jean Charest's cabinet.

Ignatieff, who was in Iqaluit as part of his summer-long, cross-country bus tour, called Lague's death a "savage reminder that life can be brutal."

"A man of many talents and accomplishments, Mario was a beloved member of our staff and a valued personal adviser to me and the entire Liberal team," Ignatieff said.

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Pol quits over Palin crack

NEW HAMPSHIRE. A Democrat has quit the state legislature after cracking a joke on Facebook about the death of Sarah Palin, the Republican Party's former vice-presidential candidate. Rep. Timothy Horrigan posted a comment Wednesday that a "dead Palin wd be even more dangerous than a live one" and she "is all about her myth & if she was dead she cdn't commit any more gaffes."

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Ireland, U.K. deny claim

IRELAND. The British and Irish governments are in secret negotiations with IRA dissidents in hopes they will abandon violence, the senior Sinn Fein official in Northern Ireland's power-sharing administration said Thursday — a claim immediately denied by both governments. Britain and Ireland have insisted publicly it's pointless to talk to IRA splinter groups.

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Drama at Khadr trial in Guantanamo Bay

Soldier testifies he shot Canadian twice in the back Day ends when U.S. military attorney collapses

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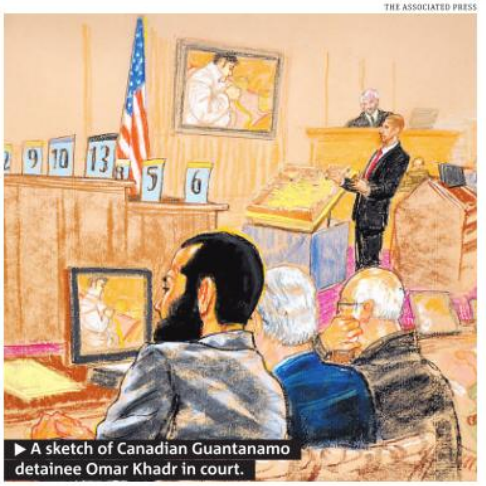

▶ A sketch of Canadian Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr in court.

Seconds after storming an Afghan compound on a blistering July 2002 day, a special operations soldier killed a man with a single shot to the head, then shot a second man twice in the back.

The second man, who had been sitting with his back to the soldier leaning against some rubble in an alley, was a 15-year-old Canadian, Omar Khadr.

The testimony at Khadr's war-crimes trial came Thursday from Sgt.-Maj. D, who testified that a hand grenade tossed from the same alley had moments earlier sailed over his head and exploded behind him.

A piece of shrapnel from that grenade hit U.S. special forces Sgt. Chris Speer in the head. Speer was not wearing a helmet.

The United States has charged the Toronto-born Khadr with murder in violation of the law of war for allegedly throwing the fatal grenade.

The testimony came at the end of a day that began with dramatically differing portrayals of Khadr — who faces five war-crimes charges — and ended with the dramatic collapse of Khadr's lawyer.

Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, the Pentagon-appointed lawyer who is Khadr's only advocate at the military commission hearing, was taken from the courthouse by ambulance. Bryan Broyles, deputy chief defence counsel with the Office of Military Commissions, said Jackson might need to be flown to the U.S. for treatment.

That raised the spectre of a lengthy delay in the proceedings.

"We don't know what his short-term prognosis is," Broyles said.

"He will not be in court Friday."

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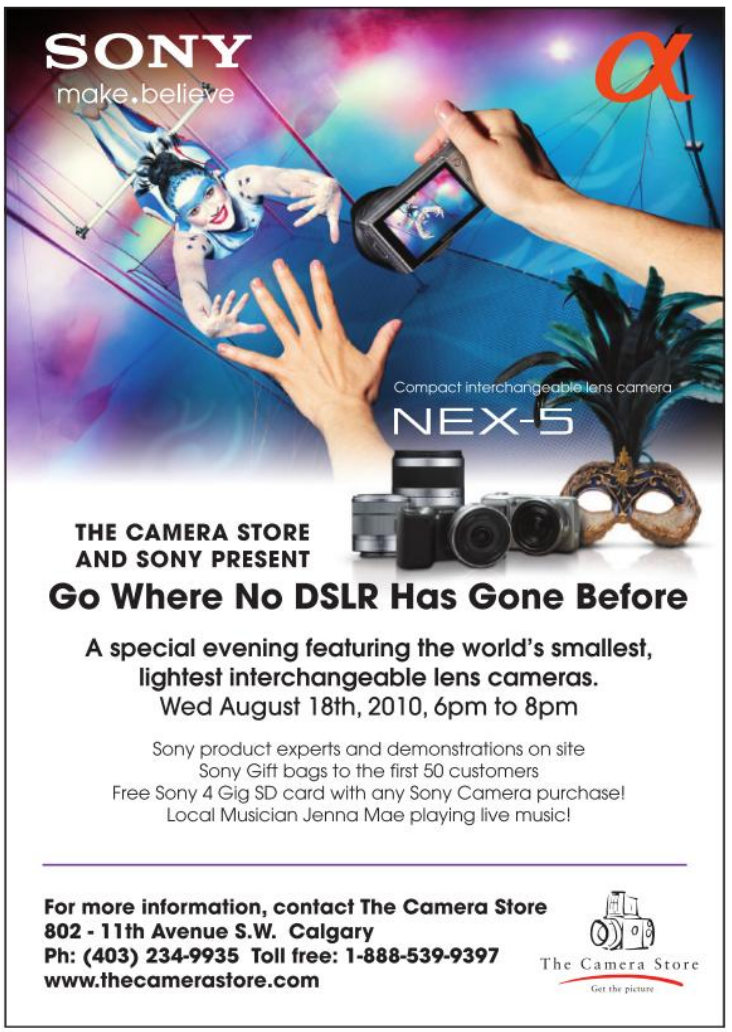
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▶ In this file photo taken in 2008, a female orangutan named Beki eats bananas at Tanjung Puting National Park on Borneo island, Indonesia. When British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace arrived in Borneo's jungles 150 years ago, one of his great hopes was to see orangutans.

Spotting red apes getting harder: Report

There are only an estimated 50,000 orangutans left in the wild All live in small, scattered populations

When British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace arrived in Borneo's jungles 150 years ago, one of his great hopes was to see orangutans. Even he was surprised at his success, spotting the red apes feeding along river banks, swinging between branches, and staring down from trees almost the moment he arrived.

He saw 29 — shooting more than half of them and sending their skins and skeletons back home — in just 100 days, an experience shared by many other adventurers and collectors during the same period. "Whereas some early explorers would see as many as eight orangutans in one tree or encounter 35 along a river in one day, spotting even one in the wild in the same undisturbed forests is now rare," said Erik Meijaard, one of the authors of a study published Wednesday in PLoS One, a journal of the Public Library of Science.

"Scientists have learned about orangutans by studying them under present-day conditions and densities."
ERIK MEIJAARD

"This prompted us to ask if these notoriously solitary apes once lived in much higher densities," said Meijaard. "We believe hunting may have caused a change in behaviour, causing them to be less social."

The scientists measured the density of orangutan populations now compared with assumed densities in past.

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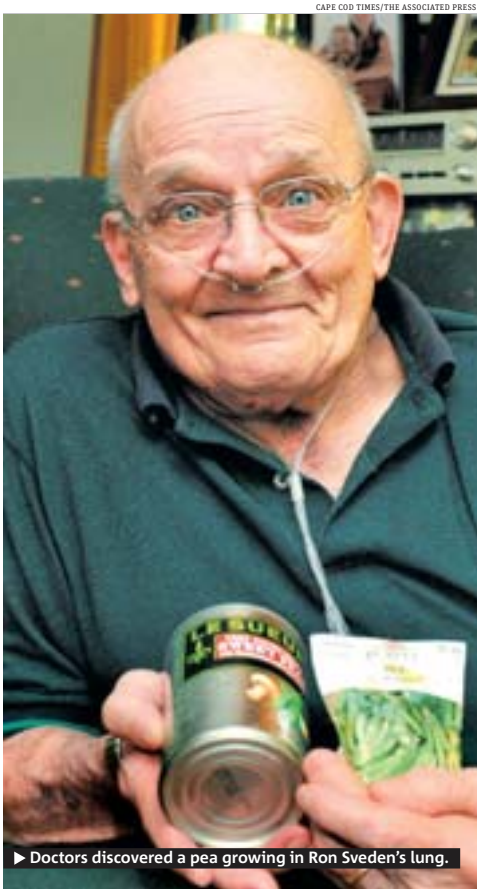

▶ Doctors discovered a pea growing in Ron Sveden's lung.

The doctor confirmed the good news for Ron Sveden once the mass in his left lung came back from the lab: He didn't have cancer. He had a pea sprouting inside his chest.

"A couple days in a dark, wet environment, I'd sprout too," Dr. Jeff Spillane said Thursday. "It definitely had a sprout."

It was a long way from the diagnosis Sveden, 75, had feared when he arrived at Cape Cod Hospital on Memorial Day weekend.

The former teacher was told at the hospital that he was dehydrated and suffering from pneumonia. Then came X-rays showing a small but ominous dark spot — then biopsies that came up negative for lung cancer.

The more Spillane probed at the encrusted mass, the clearer it became that it was no tumour.

It took less than half an hour to clear away the sprout, drain some of the fluid that had built up around it, and help restore the lung's capacity.

The pea that Spillane removed from Sveden's lungs had apparently germinated.

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"It was pretty grungy, but it looked like a pea. I sent it to the pathologist. They said it was a vegetable."
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▶ Cineplex has been in summer doldrums.

Cineplex Q2 flops

Potential blockbusters, like Prince of Persia, underperformed
Media and advertising divisions did better

A string of early-summer box-office flops put the squeeze on second-quarter profits at movie exhibitor Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund.

The operator of Canada's largest theatre chain said yesterday that its profits slipped 12.5 per cent to $17.4 million, down from $19.9 million a year ago.

"Our business is really driven by a lot of what Hollywood brings to the table," said chief executive Ellis Jacob in an interview.

In the three months ended June 30, it seemed like what Hollywood served up for movie screens wasn't enough to keep audiences salivating.

"Movies like Robin Hood, Prince of Persia and Sex and the City 2 really underperformed."

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N. Korea offers to pay in ginseng

95 The percentage of its debt that North Korea asked the Czech government to forgive. The Czechs refused.

North Korea has offered a unique way to repay nearly $10 million in Cold War-era debt — with ginseng, according to Czech officials.

The Czech Finance Ministry said it has been negotiating ways for the impoverished Asian nation to pay back $9.8 million from the late 1980s, when Czechoslovakia was part of the communist bloc.

Then, Czechoslovakia delivered to its North Korean ally trams, trucks and various machines.

The Czechs suggested the North Koreans pay in goods, and North Korea proposed sending medical products made of ginseng. The ginseng root is touted as a cure-all for everything from headaches to sexual dysfunction.

The ministry said it has not received an official offer yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More stimulus spending is needed: BMO

The U.S. and China have warned of slowing economic growth U.S. home foreclosures jumped 9% in July

With fears of a double-dip recession rising, one of Canada's major banks has called for a second round of stimulus in troubled economies — and for Canadian governments not to be so quick to embrace restraint.

The Bank of Montreal says the global recovery is losing speed — particularly in the world's largest economy, the U.S. — and that it is dangerous to be restraining government spending at this time.

"With the fledgling U.S. recovery losing altitude, the wrong diagnoses at this point could lead economic policy-makers astray with potentially disastrous consequences," argues BMO deputy chief economist Douglas Porter, who wrote the report under the title The Stimulus Myth(s).

"The long-term fiscal cost from a lengthy period of subpar growth would be much more damaging than a small down payment now — a stitch in time saves nine."
DOUGLAS PORTER, BMO DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST

The bank acknowledges growth is stronger in Canada, but given global uncertainty, it recommends governments remove their fixed deadlines on ending stimulus at the end of the current fiscal year and adopt a more flexible, wait-and-see posture.

In an interview, Porter said a double dip is still not his baseline forecast, but added he fears "we could be talking ourselves" into a recession.

"There's a bit of a cottage industry of pessimism and gloom that seems to be getting a foothold," he said. "I am concerned the pessimism can become self-fulfilling."

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Terrorists among migrants: Toews

The Canadian navy boarded a cargo ship off B.C. carrying hundreds of migrants believed to be Tamils from Sri Lanka.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed there are 490 migrants aboard the ship and the vessel declared them to be refugees.

But he says some of the people on the ship are human smugglers and terrorists.

Toews says his government will send a message "loud and clear" that human smugglers will be prosecuted.

He says human smuggling is a despicable crime and such criminals elsewhere in the world are watching Canada's response to this incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stabbing suspect busted

A suspect in a string of 18 stabbings that terrorized people across three states and left five dead was arrested in front of startled passengers at an airport gate as he tried to board a plane for Israel, officials said Thursday.

Elias Abuelazam, 33, was charged with assault with intent to murder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebels kill 255, says group

One of Africa's most vicious rebel groups,The Lord's Resistance Army has killed at least 255 people over the past 18 months in a largely unreported campaign of abductions and massacres in Congo and the Central African Republic, a human rights group said in a report sent to journalists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calif. gay marriage gets put on hold

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▶ Victor Choban of Sacramento, Calif., holds up a sign outside city hall as some same-sex couples line up to be married in San Francisco, Thursday.

Lawyers, Schwartzenegger ask for immediate resumption

A federal judge put gay marriages on hold for at least another six days in California, disappointing dozens of gay couples who lined up outside city hall hoping to tie the knot Thursday.

Judge Vaughn Walker gave opponents of same-sex weddings until Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. to get a ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on whether gay marriage should resume. Gay marriages could happen at that point or be put off indefinitely depending on how the court rules.

Walker struck down the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban last week in a case many believe is destined for the Supreme Court.

But he moved to suspend gay weddings until he could consider arguments from both sides on whether the marriages should be allowed during an appeal of his ruling. He now says gay marriage should resume, but he gave conservatives the extra time to get the appeals court to weigh in.

California voters passed the same-sex marriage ban, known as Proposition 8, as a state constitutional amendment in November 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Case

Case heads to panel.

▶ **Courts** The case now goes before a special "motions panel" of three judges at the appeals court, the largest and busiest federal appeals court in the nation with jurisdiction over nine western states.

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Canadians missing out on generous RESPs

Matching grants can build savings faster • Process can be confusing • More awareness needed

Registered Education Savings Plans, or RESPs, can help a family sock away thousands of dollars toward post-secondary education, but a big lack of awareness has meant few Canadians take advantage of the savings vehicles.

Canadian RESPs were ranked among the most generous savings plans in the world in a 2007 study by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. But the program is only being used to a fraction of its potential, said Rock Lefebvre, vice-president of research and standards at the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada.

The basic concept behind an RESP is simple enough. Anyone can go to a bank and open an RESP for a child, beginning as soon as the child is born.

The money can be put in an investment vehicle of the family's choice and the government will then match a portion of the contributions, depending on the family's income level. However, Lefebvre said, it's often difficult for low-income families to figure out which grants they qualify for. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grants

Among the government matching grants available for RESPs:

- **CESG** The Canada Education Savings Grant provides 20 cents on every contributed dollar up to a maximum of $500 annually.
- **CLB** The Canada Learning Bond (for low-income families). This gives families an initial $500 contribution towards their child's RESP, with a further $100 annually.

BlackBerry block looms in India

India's Home Ministry threatened Thursday to block BlackBerry corporate email and messaging services unless the device's manufacturer, Research In Motion Ltd., makes them accessible to its security agencies by Aug. 31. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian Tire posts Q2 profits

Canadian Tire Corp. says its second-quarter profits rose nearly 16 per cent, driven by a recovery in its credit card business, but hampered by weakness in its automotive division.

The retailer reported quarterly profits were $119.9 million, or $1.47 per share, an increase from $103.7 million, or $1.27 per share, at this time last year.

Operating revenue improved slightly, rising 3.8 per cent to $2.41 billion from $2.32 billion last year.

However, retail sales at its Canadian Tire stores rose at a weaker pace, up 2.5 per cent to $2.86 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

FREE TRADE RATES A BIG THANK YOU

Heard on a bus: "When two people exchange goods and money, one wins and the other loses. Otherwise, there would be no profit."

This reasoning is more common than we might think. And sometimes justifies the hostility to commerce, or free trade. After all, if capitalist pigs profit, the poor suffer, right?

Wrong.

The other day, I paid $2 for a bottle of juice. When the clerk said, "Thank you," I responded, "Thank *you*." This is more than just a social oddity. There's an economics lesson behind this double thank-you moment.

Why does it happen? Because I want the juice more than the bucks, and the store wants the bucks more than the juice. Both of us win.

Two people trade because each wants what the other has more than what he already has. (Remember trading hockey cards?) If one gained and the other lost, the loser wouldn't trade.

We experience the double thank-you moment each time we hit the checkout line in a clothing store, or leave a restaurant, says journalist John Stossel, who coined the "double thank-you moment" phrase.

Trade is win-win — even if you're buying from someone in another country. Exports and imports exist only because of political borders.

But borders are either accidents of history or the results of politicians' arbitrary decisions. Do you know if Toronto runs a trade deficit with Hamilton? No. Nobody cares.

There are no imports and exports. There's only what you make and what everyone else makes. Protectionism — taxing foreign goods — is just a tool for politicians to protect their business buddies by preventing us from trading with someone who offers us a better deal.

As economist Sheldon Richman points out, in trade matters — as in so much else — two words mislead us: "we" and "them." *We* do not trade with *them*. Canada does not trade with Japan, or Mexico, or any other group. I trade with you. You trade with me. Individuals trade with individuals.

If the economy continues to tank, governments will be sorely tempted to block foreign products by taxing them. That would be a mistake. When left free, people trade across borders naturally. Buyers and sellers both benefit.

"Thank you."

"Thank *you*."

David Descôteaux is an economic journalist and an associate researcher at the

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Rob Faust.

5 MINUTES WITH: ROB FAUST

Rob Faust is a born-and-raised Calgarian who DJs at hot spots around the city.

How long have you been a DJ?
Long enough to clearly remember, the "end" of vinyl, the rise of hip hop, the second and third coming of disco, to see the "death" of the music industry and the rebirth of DJ culture. All totalled, perhaps 17 years. Although I did make boatloads of mix tapes for everyone I knew when I came back with a bag of records from Amsterdam when I was 16. Does that count?

What are some of the spots in the city that you DJ at?
Currently, I DJ Dance Party at Republik with lil' Mikey Roberts on Fridays. We play a gamut of soul, nufunk, big beat and disco, some thumpy '80s and modern electro as well. It spotlights on fun. We shoot off a confetti cannon when we play Shout. It's a great party, check your attitude at the door and kick out the jams.

Saturday I play Mojo at the Bamboo. It's a night of all things funk and soul, recognizable and not, remixed or not, with emphasis on Ray Charles, the Beatles, James Brown; music that reminds you how powerful good music should be. It's just a dirty little basement party where everyone is welcome and the music is the message.

What is it about being a DJ that you enjoy?
The music and the people who get the music that I play. I love it when somebody asks me who does Reet Petite or when people scream because they love a song.

To me, what I do is as much about preserving music ... as it is about helping people forget about the mundane workaday world and have fun.

Is your job like a party every night?
It's a job where you get to party. Bottom line, it's about entertaining people; that's not work for me, but if I don't, I'm not doing my job well.

Any tips for people wanting to get into the profession?
Read DJ saved My Life ... 40 times. Take notes. Here's what I've taken from it and from 17 or so years in my profession: Know your music and its history.

KATIE TURNER

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Changing climate change

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What would you do if you were prime minister?

TORONTO. I would immediately call a press conference and say that I had had a change of heart regarding my skepticism about climate change.

I would appoint a wartime-like panel of scientists and environmentally credible Canadian statespersons to be a "Climate Change Mitigation Cabinet" with broad powers to prepare Canadians for the now-unavoidable severe weather and heat events.

This cabinet would be empowered to seek the best scientific advice to mobilize the economy toward drastically reducing carbon burning.

The tar sands as an economic generator would be slowly phased out, except where the best scientific minds could figure out an economical way of sequestering carbon.

Crown corporations or public-private partnerships would be created to employ every unemployed Canadian for the task of retrofitting all of our old houses and buildings up to the standards of a new building code that would make all buildings efficient in energy use as never before.

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Shutting down the oilsands

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Nathan Hein
I think that the construction workers should take very, very good care and make sure everything is all safe an in order. I understand that there are accidents you can't avoid, but one accident is too much.

Carol Christensen
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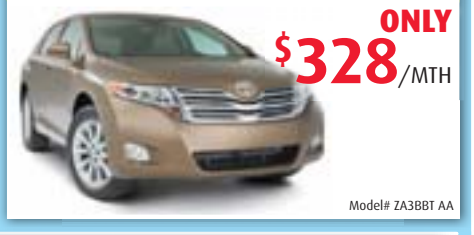

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▶ Jennifer Aniston and Thomas Robinson star in The Switch.

Aniston, Bateman play the odd couple

Twist of (sperm donation) fate turns best friends into unconventional parents in romantic comedy The Switch ◐ 'Progressive' script attracted Friends star to role

PHIL BROWN
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The Switch isn't your average romantic comedy. It's about single woman (Jennifer Aniston) who seeks out a sperm donor rather than waiting for Mr. Right.

Then her best friend (Jason Bateman) accidentally spills the sample and replaces it himself, making them unconventional parents who fall for each other later. Not exactly a plot that could have been recycled from a 1960s rom-com.

"That's why the script jumped out at me immediately," Jennifer Aniston told Metro. "I know many women who have gone through the struggles, heartbreaks and frustrations of fertility. So this is about something very timely and progressive. Plus it also has a love story woven through it that I think is beautiful."

Just when Aniston's observation threatened to make the conversation serious, co-star Jason Bateman jumped in to remind us that it's a comedy.

"I think that we should charge more for that movie than just $10 now," joked the actor. "That sounds like a full package."

That combination of insightful sentiment with sarcastic belly laughs encapsulates the movie as well as the relationship between the two leads.

The former Friends star signed on to the project because as she, "looks for stories that are true to life and relatable," while Bateman responded to the material because it allowed him to explore the awkward and victimized male comedic lead that he's toyed with since Arrested Development.

"I don't know how much of that was just me being interested in that type of character and trying to cram that into what was written though," remarked the actor.

Aniston and Bateman seem to share a genuine friendship both on and off screen. This, of course, begs the age-old question about whether men and women can only be friends. Aniston laughed before responding with a dismissive, "Of course," but Bateman had a different point of view.

"I feel like a guy and a girl can be best friends as long as at least one of them is in a relationship," says the actor. "But as soon as both are single, start the clock, soak it in booze, and watch things happen."

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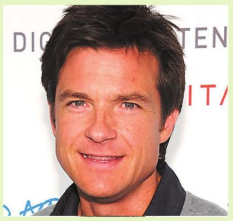
Bateman speaking his mind

On the never-ending Arrested Development movie rumours
"Yesterday somebody said, 'You and Jen should keep working together. How about the Arrested Development movie?' and I responded, 'Actually there's a great role for her, I'm going to pitch her.' I was just having fun, but there were about 25 headlines this morning on crappy blogs saying Jennifer has signed onto the movie. It's frustrating and I hate talking about it



because there's never anything significant to report. ... but it's still something that we'd all love to do. Hopefully soon."

On his child actor co-star
"The experience that I had growing as a child actor was helpful because I remember that point of view. It's nerve-wracking. Thomas Robinson was six when we shot. I don't know how someone who is three years into the English language was able to take what was a new language for him and manipulate it and find nuance in a sentence that he barely understands. He's really talented."

2 scene

She said

"Pretty much everything was an awkward scene to film in (The Disappearance of Alice Creed) but that scene was bonkers, actually."
GEMMA ARTERTON ABOUT HER NUDE FIGHT SCENE IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALICE CREED

"I'm actually quite shocked that it's been picked up and that American audiences are liking it and the Canadians seem to love it."
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Eat, pray, indulge

Eat Pray Love
Genre: Drama
Director: Ryan Murphy
Stars: Julia Roberts
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There's a lot wrong with the film adaptation of bestseller Eat Pray Love.

It's a completely self-indulgent exploration of upper-middle-class dissatisfaction, it condescends to native cultures and eastern spirituality and it never adequately identifies just what problems protagonist Liz Gilbert (Julia Roberts) is struggling with. But none of that is the fault of Roberts or director and co-writer Ryan Murphy.

The movie is well-shot, with sumptuous visuals and exciting camera work, and Roberts does her best to make Gilbert likeable or at least relateable. No, the real problems are with the source material.

The story goes that Gilbert walks away from her flighty husband (Billy Crudup) because of an undefined sense of lack, shacks up with an actor (James Franco) and then ditches him, hijacking his obnoxious affinity for an Indian guru and taking off on a year-long journey of self-discovery and indulgence. Along the way, she learns it's OK to enjoy eating in Rome, smiles and nods at a young woman forced into an arranged marriage in India and tries to resist the charms of an older Brazilian man (Javier Bardem) in Bali while basically using the locals as fashionable accessories.

About the only thing Murphy can be blamed for is the running time. The movie clocks in at a leisurely 140 minutes, and there's really no excuse for that. In each of the three locations, there are points where the story lags. It's basically almost two and a half hours of "but I've never been to me." ● NED EHRBAR

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Scott Pilgrim vs. The World
Genre: Action/Romance
Director: Edgar Wright
Stars: Michael Cera
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Scott Pilgrim Vs The World is best described as a hyperkinetic loveletter to eight-bit gaming, indie rock, young love, kung fu movies, Toronto and…ok, maybe it's hard to describe.

Based on the graphic novel by Bryan Lee O'Malley, the film is a pop culture-soaked romantic comedy about a boy who falls for a girl and must defeat her seven evil exes through increasingly hilarious and ludicrous fight sequences to win her heart. Director Edgar Wright (Hot Fuzz) was assigned to bring the comic to the big screen and anyone whose seen his previous movies knows that he has an ADD sense of pacing and visual storytelling that makes him perfect for the material.

For the most part this is style over substance entertainment. Fortunately, that style is exquisitely executed, so it doesn't really matter. ● PHIL BROWN

The Expendables
Genre: Action
Director: Sylvester Stallone
Stars: Sylvester Stallone, Jet Li, Jason Statham
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More kitschy than captivating, The Expendables is Sly Stallone's latest foray into mining his glory years for success in contemporary Hollywood. And why not? After all, his last two outings – Rocky Balboa and Rambo – have seen the sexagenarian accumulating his biggest numbers at the box office in years. This time around, he avoids reviving a dead franchise (what was left anyhow? Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot 2?). Instead, Stallone fuses together the likes of seasoned '80s action stars like Dolph Lundgren and Bruce Willis with today's top draws (including Jet Li and Jason Statham) to form a band of mercenaries hired to bring down a South American dictatorship. For audiences who have kept a special place in their heart for old style shoot 'em ups and the likes of Lundgren, The Expendables is a guilty delight. ● STEVE GOW

Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel
Genre: Documentary
Director: Brigitte Berman
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At 84, Hugh Hefner still manages multiple girlfriends, the business he loves with its print, video, online and smart phone components, while putting his pioneering life into historical context. Canadian documentarian Brigitte Berman won exclusive access to Hefner's 4,000 diaries for her rather worshipful documentary that is glossy, nostalgic and oddly moving, even as it tilts heavily towards Hefner's agenda and persona.

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YOU SHOULD CALL IT THE BIG SMOKESCREEN

The new film Scott Pilgrim vs. The World begins with a title card that reads "Not so long ago in the mysterious land of Toronto, Canada."

It establishes that the movie is set in Toronto, but not the Toronto we usually see in films. That Toronto often subs for New York or Chicago.

The Toronto of Scott Pilgrim comes complete with Casa Loma, Lee's Palace and other T-Dot landmarks. It's probably the most expensive movie to feature Toronto as itself, but it's not the only one. Here's a look back at Toronto onscreen:

Lawyerin' and doctorin' jobs!

For many people the first on-screen glimpse of Toronto onscreen came from the backseat of a 1960 Chevrolet Impala. Goin' Down the Road, the story of Pete (Doug McGrath) and his pal Joey (Paul Bradley), two Maritimers who set out in a Chevy to find a better life in Toronto, (SCTV joked they were looking for "lawyerin' and doctorin' jobs") is a city time capsule circa 1970.

Look for great shots of Yonge Street attractions including the classic Sam the Record Man spinning double disc neon sign. The signs are gone now, making their last appearance in the 2008 film The Incredible Hulk.

▶ The Canadian classic Goin' Down The Road is a Toronto time capsule circa 1970.

Long live the new flesh!

Although David Cronenberg has made more than a dozen films in T.O. and says "I love shooting in Toronto," film critic Geoff Pevere says "Toronto had never seemed weirder" than in the director's epic Videodrome.

The story of a sleazy UHF television station programmer who becomes spellbound by the hallucinatory power of porn movies, is set in Toronto and not only used many of the city's locations, but its unique references as well. Civic TV allegedly refers to CityTV, who, in their early days used to air softcore pornography late at night.

Yonge and Dundas and Beyond

For a look at the down-and-dirty Yonge Street Strip, once the body rub capital of Canada, check out Ron Mann's 1974 Super-8 documentary The Strip. On the other end of the scale is Atom Egoyan's Chloe, the story of a Toronto escort and the woman who hires her to test her husband's fidelity. Toronto has never looked lovelier than this. "At the level of metaphor, it's interesting because Toronto is a prostitute. As a city, very often it pretends to be New York or Chicago or San Francisco," Egoyan said. "So it's interesting that since this is a film about that."

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Flesh-eating fish thrive on fear

- Piranha 3D stars a mutated form of the killer fish
- Prehistoric creatures bigger, nastier and uglier

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With a movie like Piranha 3D, it's pretty safe to assume you know what you're going to get.

In fact, if there were any doubt, director Alexandre Aja recently described the film as a mix between Gremlins, Weird Science and Dead Alive.

"It is funny," exclaimed star Jessica Szohr (TV's Gossip Girl) from Manhattan. "I think you' ll laugh, you'll be very scared and entertained — it's a scary, funny, summer popcorn movie."

Even the studio's marketing department has picked up on Piranha 3D's potential as a fun summer movie. The film's poster fittingly pays homage to Steven Spielberg's classic Jaws but while that 1975 thriller featured a menacing shark, Piranha 3D stars a mutated form of nasty omnivorous freshwater fish.

"(The filmmakers) based it off a prehistoric piranha so it's not like your modern-day piranha and they kind of decided to make it look like what they thought a prehistoric one would look like," said Szohr. Indeed, the species in the thriller is definitely bigger, uglier and much nastier — especially in 3-D. "It'll be fun (to see) with the piranhas popping out at you and all the craziness that goes on."

Presumably, Hollywood will be banking on flesh-eating fish to have the same effect Jaws had on audiences more than 30 years ago — fear of the water. Even more than three-dimensional seafood, that natural phobia may be the true potency of Piranha 3D.

"We don' t know what's going on (underwater). You can't see and you can only go under for so long if you want to check out what's going on. It's just a whole mystery of what is there," said Szohr with a dramatic pause. "… Or what's not."

▶ Jerry O' Connell stars in Piranha 3D, in theatres next week.

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Harry Brown (18A) Fri-Thu 9:50
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-7:05
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:40
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7
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Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Marmaduke (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-7:10-9:40
Robin Hood (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-7
Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:20

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Charlie St. Cloud (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
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Salt (14A) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:45-6:55-9:35 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:35
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The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) Fri 12:30-3:40-7:35-10:05 Sat 3:40-7:35-10:05 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:40-7:35-10:05 Wed 12:35-3:40-10:05 Thu 12:35-3:40-7:35-10:05
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Vampires Suck (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-2:45-5:7:10-9:20

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Step Up 3D (PG) Fri 3:50-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40

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Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3
Charlie St. Cloud (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10
Despicable Me 3D (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:2-50-6:35-9
Dinner for Schmucks (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:40
Eat Pray Love (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:55-10:05
The Expendables (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-2:4:10-4:40-7:10-7:40-9:45-10:15
Grown Ups (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:35-3:40-7:15
Inception (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4:20-6:40-8-9:55

▶ The Other Guys opened last week.

The Other Guys (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:45-1:10-3:30-4:15-6:50-7:20-9:25-10 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:45-1:10-3:30-4:15-6:50-7:20-9:25-10
Predators (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 9:50
Salt (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:30-10:10
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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:45-9:40
Vampires Suck (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:35-3:40-7:15-9:50
WWE: Summerslam (STC) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 5

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Vampires Suck (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:25-9:40

GLOBE CINEMA
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The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:15-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
Mr. Nobody (STC) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 3-9 Mon-Thu 9
Solitary Man (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7 Mon-Thu 7

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The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:50-9:35
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The Last Airbender (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7:05-9:55
Marmaduke (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4
Peepli Live (STC) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:15
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:45-9:40
Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:40

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WWE SummerSlam - 2010 (STC) Sun 6

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Agora (14A) Sat-Sun 12:15
J'ai tué ma mère (14A) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 2:40-7:10 Mon-Tue 7:10 Wed 5:15-7:10 Thu 7:10
Soundtrack for a Revolution (STC) Fri 9:10 Sat 4:35-9:10 Sun-Thu 9:10

SUNRIDGE SPECTRUM
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I Am Love (18A) Fri 4:30-6:50 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50
The Kids Are All Right (18A) Fri 5:05-9:15 Sat-Sun 12-5:05-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:05-9:15

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This summer has turned into the summer of the former junkie confessional autobiography.

First up was Dave Mustaine, a founding member of Metallica and since 1983, the leader of Megadeth. His book, Mustaine: A Heavy Metal Memoir (HarperCollins), contains so many tales of alcohol and drug abuse that you're almost guaranteed to wake up the next morning with a hangover and a bad case of opiate withdrawal.

Mustaine knows rehab because he's been through it 17 times. "You go in there, get sobered up but there was no really giving you the tools to cope with stuff. It's like sobering up a drunken horse thief. As soon as he sobers up, what have you got? A horse thief." Dave's spiral to near-death was rooted largely in unresolved emotional pain that went back decades.

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▶ Dave Mustaine of Megadeth performs on stage last year in Sydney, Australia.

The most frightening rehab episode involved falling asleep in an awkward position in a chair. When he woke up, his left arm was asleep and wouldn't wake up. Doctors said he'd never play guitar again.

"There's a little nerve on the inside of my bicep on my left arm. It's about 4 millimetres around and it got crunched like when you chew on a drinking straw. It needed to grow back and it grows at a millimeter per month. Then there was the physical therapy that followed that: 13 months of picking up needles with some tweezers and sticking them into a pegboard and turning a doorknob. It was 17 months before I could pick up a guitar again.

"When you're a guitar player and you have that taken away from you, it's devastating. It was THIS HAND," he says gesturing with what he calls "the moneymaker."

This incident — and Mustaine's ability to recover — convinced him that perhaps a higher power was showing him the error of his ways and that he could reform his ways. That's when the wannabe Satanist and part-time practitioner of black magic embraced Christianity.

"If anyone needed to have a life-changing event take place, it was me. I didn't realize that God was all I needed until He was all I had."

Mustaine is a fascinating look into the darker sides of being a famous metal musician. Recommended.

Next week: Steven Adler, the guy who was thrown out of Guns 'N Roses for taking too many drugs.

Falling in love with Romeo

MySpace application will be free for iPad and Web browers Player will randomly select videos

MySpace is further defining itself as a place to find music rather than a catchall social networking site as it launched on Thursday a music video player that plays random videos to match users' mood.

The MySpace Music Romeo application lets users select from 15 genres such as pop or hip hop and 13 moods including "chill," "naughty" and "studying." Videos play automatically, interspersed with artist images and an advertisement every 15 minutes or so.

Users can "love" videos (thus, the name Romeo), and then get more videos like the ones they choose. But they won't be able to search for specific songs.

The back-end technology that helps determine recommendations is provided by Australian company We Are Hunted, which scours the Internet for artists and songs with the greatest buzz and mixes that with users' personal tastes.

According to MySpace Music President Courtney Holt, the randomness of the service will prompt users to discover new artists.

"Inevitably if you use this application, you will find an artist that you've never heard of before that you will fall in love with," he said.

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Staying young

MySpace, with 120 million users globally, hopes to stay relevant with a younger crowd rather than compete with Facebook, whose user base has ballooned to half a billion and skews older.

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▶ This image provided by MySpace shows a page from the new "Romeo" site. MySpace launched a music video player that plays random videos to match users' mood.

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Heir-head Hilton gets served

Paris sued by hair extension company for allegedly wearing competitors' brand in 2008

Paris Hilton was sued Wednesday for allegedly wearing someone else's hair.

A company that manufactures hair extensions claimed the 29-year-old socialite breached her contract to wear and promote their product when she sported the fake locks of a competitor in 2008.

Hairtech International Inc. is seeking $35 million in damages — 10 times what she was apparently paid under the contract. The fraud and breach-of-contract suit cites the heiress' partying as contrary to Hairtech's marketing campaign.

The filing also claims Hilton missed a launch party for the hair extension line because she was serving a stint in jail in 2007. Hilton served 23 days in 2007 after she was caught driving twice on a suspended license while on probation for reckless driving.

The filing states the company lost $6.6 million on the launch party alone, although a jury or judge will have to decide whether Hilton owes any money if the case goes to trial.

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▶ In this recent photo, Hilton defiles the memory of Marilyn.

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▶ "I'ma let you finish Paris, but my article deserved to be at the top of this page."

Kanye set to appear at VMAs

A year after infamously interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech, West will attend awards

A year after his infamous outburst at the MTV Video Music Awards, Kanye West will return.

The rapper is scheduled to perform at the show Sept. 12 in Los Angeles. Last year, he dissed Taylor Swift at the event, grabbing the microphone from her as she accepted the award for best female video and saying Beyonce should have won it.

His remark of "I'm 'a let you finish, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time" received a blizzard of negative attention.

West later apologized and took a hiatus from music. He will release his fifth studio album, Dark Twisted Fantasy, in November.

Lady Gaga leads this year's VMAs with 13 nominations.

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"Taylor, I'm really happy for you, and I'm gonna let you finish, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time."

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Smith had 'the right to relief'

Doctor argues the model needed meds in spite of her addictions

Anna Nicole Smith suffered from pain most of her life, a doctor testified Wednesday, saying he treated her with prescription drugs to alleviate her chronic pain syndrome even though he considered her an addict.

"People with substance abuse disorders have the right to pain relief," said Dr. Victor Kovner, who treated Smith for three years before he sold his practice to Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, a defendant in the drug conspiracy case.

Kovner said Smith had a substance abuse disorder so severe, "she could become addicted to Jello." Treating her was a challenge, he said.

"Did you perceive her to be an addict?" Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose asked the physician.

"Yes. I believe she had addictive behaviours, but it was controlled," Kovner replied.

Kapoor, Dr. Khristine Eroshevich and Smith's boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to charges that include conspiring to provide Smith with excessive drugs, prescribing to an addict, and prescribing to Smith under fraudulent names.

They are not charged with causing her 2007 death from a drug overdose.

Kovner said he thought Stern cared for Smith.

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▶ Anna Nicole Smith suffered from chronic pain, said one of her doctors.

"He was very responsible regarding her medications," the doctor said. "He was concerned about her overusing."

Kovner said Smith told him when they met in 2001 that she was an addict and had been treated at the Betty Ford Center for addictions to Vicodin and alcohol.

Kovner later learned she had suffered from migraines and seizures as a child. She also reported pain in her back and intestinal area. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Idol in Disarray

TV
It looks like Simon Cowell bolted American Idol at just the right time. The hugely successful Fox show is in the news for all of the wrong reasons lately. Former winner Fantasia overdosed in a hotel room, thankfully she is fine now.

And each passing day has new reports of who will replace Cowell but with just weeks away from its return no one seems to have any idea who will be judging wannabe popstars.

Ultimate Triple Bill Cinema

Film
No, there isn't an actual triple feature playing at a theatre near you. But this week's big releases — Scott Pilgrim vs.The World (ultimate indie teen flick), The Expendables (ultimate action flick) and Eat Pray Love (ultimate chick flick) — make one delicious combo for film lovers. So pick according to your taste, or even better, binge on them back to back.

▶ Michael Cera in Scott Pilgrim vs. The World.

Best-Selling

Video Game
Despite being released back on July 27, Starcraft 2 is still far and away the biggest story in the video game universe this week. The follow-up to the uber popular Starcraft, which was released back in 1998, claims to be the fastest-selling strategy game of all time.

It was announced recently that the total sales top 1.5 million units (one million of which were sold on the first day.) With its great reviews (an average rating of 94 per cent on Metacritic), it's likely the game will continue selling for some time now.

Artery Clogging

Food
Because Denny's feels North American obesity levels could use a helping hand (or seven), the restaurant chain has

unloaded a brand new Fried Cheese Melt sandwich upon its, er, growing customer base.

The paean to clogged arteries, which sells for $4, consists of four fried mozzarella sticks and melted American cheese grilled between two slices of sourdough bread. The American Medical Association would also like you to know that it comes with a side of fries and marinara sauce. You know: To fill your daily vegetable quotient.

Quitting stories

People
A week ago Steven Slater was an anonymous flight attendant for JetBlue. After his dramatic exit from his job on Monday he has become a folk hero to some and a rude bully to others.

Whether you love him or hate him, Slater's star

has soared and prompted many discussions about the best and worst ways to quit a job. Slater's 15 minutes of fame will be up soon enough but will his impact be felt with more over-the-top job resignations?

Canada's Biggest Fair

Event
Just as we do for the events like the Calgary Stampede, Canadians from all over the country will flock to Toronto for the venerable Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), taking place Aug. 20 through Sept. 6.

Canada's biggest fair is a great way to put a glowing cap on a summer vacation, and the always-spectacular Canadian International Air Show on Labour Day Weekend is a time-honoured crowd pleaser. For foodies, the CNE is offering 22 items you can eat on a stick.

New this year will be the Beautiful Women Project exhibit in the Arts & Crafts Pavilion, featuring 120 1ife-size sculptures of women's bust by artist Cheryl-Ann Webster. Using subjects from age 19 through 91, the project was designed to represent each woman's story, courage and natural beauty.

For more information, visit theex.com.

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▶ model Kristen McMenamy in Vogue Italia's August "Oil & Water" photo spread.

Attention-grabbing shoots

The magazine world is abuzz with accolades and criticisms over two new attention-grabbing photo shoots. The first, a stirring spread in the August issue of Vogue Italia inspired by the Gulf oil spill, shows a lifeless-looking model in various monochrome images covered in oil, spitting up water and choking. Editor-in-Chief Franca Sozzani's says the message is "to be careful about nature." Less controversial but equally hyped is actress Jennifer Aniston's Barbra Streisand tribute in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar. Aniston pays homage to some of the living legend's famous poses — but sans nose bump.

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Mix of Six

Ruined: See the Canadian premiere of Ruined, presented by Ellipsis Tree Collective, Western Canada's only Afrocentric theatre company (Lunchbox Theatre). See the play—set in a small Congo town—on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets ($22) at ellipsis.ca.
Afrikadey! Festival 2010: Take in the sights, sounds, and tastes of Africa on Saturday (Prince's Island Park). Mainstage Afrikadey! performers include K'naan, Nomfusi, and H'Sao; performances run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Go to afrikadey.com to see which artists play when and to buy tickets ($25). afrikadey.com
Taste of Calgary: Give your taste buds a treat (or several) at the Taste of Calgary (Festival Plaza, Eau Claire). From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today until Sunday, 45 food and beverage companies will be dishing out their best samples for you to savour. Tickets are $0.75 and most samples are between four and five tickets. tasteofcalgary.com. Admission to the festival is free with live entertainment throughout the event.
Aikido Demonstration: See seven of the world's best Aikikai martial arts instructors present an Aikido Demonstration Sunday from 2.30 – 3:30 p.m. (SAIT Athletics Facility). This free event will also feature taiko drumming and a traditional Japanese singing performance.
Chinatown Street Festival: Lion dances, opera singers, magic shows, and fireworks will entertain at this Saturday's Chinatown Street Festival (Chinatown). Between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., take in performances, Asian cuisine, and vendor goods to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Calgary's Chinatown.
Summer Concert: Enjoy a free Saturday evening summer concert, courtesy of CJSW 90.9 FM (Olympic Plaza). The 7 p.m. performance, the third of a four-part series, features locals Magnetic North with SAVK, Nushi, The Von Zippers and the Pine Tarts.

Bar attack injury forces Sum 41 to cancel dates

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The 30-year-old Whibley was hospitalized and tests revealed he had aggravated a slipped disc injury he sustained in 2007, the band said.

Sum 41 took the stage anyway for the Summer Sonic festival in Osaka, Japan after the attack.

But the band said it was forced to cancel the remaining Warped dates because Whibley's condition has not improved.

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▶ Zsa Zsa Gabor

Gabor recovering at home

Glamour-loving actress' condition deteriorated after she underwent hip-replacement surgery

Zsa Zsa Gabor has returned home to recuperate after being hospitalized at the UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center since July 17 for a broken hip, her husband said.

Prince Frederic von Anhalt, the 93-year-old actress' eccentric partner, told reporters gathered outside their Bel-Air mansion overlooking Los Angeles that Gabor is glad to be back.

"She is at home, and she is happy," said von Anhalt. "She smiled already and started flirting with the guys who took her home. When she starts flirting, she is in good shape. At home here, with the environment and the air up here, we have lots of oxygen, and everything is clean. There's not lots of nurses and doctors hanging around."

The Hungarian-born, glamour-loving actress' condition deteriorated after she underwent hip-replacement surgery after she broke her hip while trying to get into her wheelchair.

Gabor, who has to use a wheelchair after a 2002 car accident and a 2005 stroke, was originally expected to spend one week in the hospital but ended up being there four weeks, said von Anhalt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shelton a rising country star

Singer ready to release second "six pak" album All About Tonight

Blake Shelton has a new album out and a song in the top five of Billboard's country charts, yet all anyone wants to talk about is his upcoming wedding to Miranda Lambert.

He can't blame them.

"I love talking about it," Shelton said. "I mean, I'm proud. I get to marry Miranda Lambert. That's awesome."

So before we get to the goods about Shelton's much-anticipated second "six pak" album, All About Tonight, let's linger over those wedding details.

Shelton says the plan right now is to get married next May in Texas. Lambert headed there this week with some friends and bridesmaids to scout venues.

"You know, wedding crap," Shelton joked. "I want to be supportive of the whole thing and I want to be involved, but I don't want to be involved."

Shelton probably doesn't have the time anyway. He's been as busy as ever over the last six months. The first six pak — a marketing test bubble by Warner Music Nashville that included just six songs at a lower price than most albums — was driven by the titular No. 1 hit, Hillbilly Bone, with Trace Adkins. The song netted the pair Academy of Country Music and CMT video awards — the first awards of Shelton's career.

That first six pak debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard album chart and has sold more than 230,000 copies so far, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Since then, it's been a "perfect star alignment" for Shelton, Warner Music Nashville president John Esposito said. Esposito believes Shelton is helping "re-energize" the company.

"I feel like his voice has reached this amazing place," Esposito said. "His charm has reached this amazing place and his personality couldn't be more perfect. We call him the most underrated male voice in country music around here, and we're not going to be able to use that very much longer."

Shelton said he has felt a groundswell of interest over the last six months

"You see how once the machine gets rolling it just kind of keeps going. As long as you can stay out of your own way, things are good for a little while."

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▶ Blake Shelton performs during the CMA Music Festival at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn.

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Pint-size girl with big voice wows judges

Watch out, Susan Boyle. Here comes Jackie.

A 10-year-old Pennsylvania girl who was chosen by YouTube viewers to compete on NBC's America's Got Talent stunned the judges and audience Tuesday night with her big voice.

Jackie Evancho sang Giacomo Puccini's aria O Mio Babbino Caro and received praise from the judges and overwhelming applause from the audience.

The tiny blond wore a pink ruffled dress and a big smile. After the performance, Jackie said she was so happy she wanted to cry. Jackie was one of 12 acts who performed on the show Tuesday night. Four of those performers will join 20 other semifinalists who are competing for $1 million and a contract to perform in Las Vegas.

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▶ Jackie Evancho

Ohio feud over hot dog eatery made famous on MASH

A family feud is simmering over an Ohio restaurant whose hot dogs were made famous by the 1970s television series M.A.S.H.

A co-owner of Tony Packo's says the company owes $2.7 million after defaulting on two loans.

But an attorney for Tony Packo Jr. and his son says the company is negotiating its debt and its restaurants will be in business for many years.

The claims are being made in court as part of a lawsuit over financial records and spending. It's the second time in eight years feuding in the family-owned business has gone public.

Tony Packo's Inc. operates restaurants in the Toledo area and sells hot dogs and condiments nationwide.

The hot dogs were mentioned on MASH by the Cpl. Max Klinger character, played by Toledo native Jamie Farr.

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▶ Shania Twain lights the Olympic Cauldron in her hometown of Timmins, Ont., on Friday Jan. 1, 2010. Twain is being touted as a judge for American Idol.

Judge Shania Twain?

Fox program scrambles to find replacement judges as rumours claim Jennifer Lopez is out and Canadian country star could be in Hit show will be without Cowell, Degeneres next year

J.Lo's loss could be Shania Twain's gain according to website TMZ.com.

The celebrity gossip site said Thursday that a deal to make singer and actress Jennifer Lopez an American Idol judge wasn't quite dead yet, but that Canadian singer Twain is the Plan B if Lopez is unattainable.

Twain appeared on Idol last season as a mentor to the contestants and also helped judge during auditions as a fill-in for Paula Abdul, who left the show in 2009.

There were reports Wednesday that Lopez was out of the running because of excessive demands. Quoting sources, The Hollywood Reporter said Thursday that Lopez was asking for more than $20 million (U.S.) a year for the gig, as well as her own hair, makeup, styling team and "dressing room compound."

Considering that departed judge Simon Cowell, who was a big draw on the show, made an estimated $36 million and that Lopez is an unknown quantity as a judge, that's an awful lot of money.

The Fox network and Idol producers have already learned some hard lessons about judges who look good on paper but not so much on live TV with the hiring of Ellen DeGeneres.

The talk show host, whose performance on Idol was widely panned, only lasted one season at the judges' table.

Now Fox has a matter of weeks to replace both DeGeneres and Cowell. The network has refused to comment on reports that both Lopez and Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler were being courted as replacements, or that songwriter Kara DioGuardi has been fired from the panel.

The Hollywood Reporter says finding replacements is taking some time because Fox is looking for someone famous to fill the seats.

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▶ Taylor Swift

Bowlers pick Swift over Bieber

Bowling fans have picked country star Taylor Swift as their 2010 choice for celebrity induction into the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Swift barely beat pop star Justin Bieber to secure her lane in bowling history. They were among nine celebrities the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America nominated for their public support of the sport. Swift has been spotted and photographed bowling with friends.

The association, in making the announcement Wednesday, says this is the first year that the celebrity induction process has been opened to fans. Nearly 1.3 million votes were cast online. The museum is based in a Dallas-Fort Worth suburb. Swift's photo and plaque will be displayed at the site later this summer.

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Creators back for BioShock 3

The game studio behind the original BioShock is coming out with another follow-up to the award-winning, wildly popular 2007 horror shooter — but not until 2012.

While Irrational Games' original BioShock was set in an underwater metropolis called Rapture, BioShock: Infinite takes place in Columbia, a floating city modeled after 1900s America — with all the promise it held. Says creative director Ken Levine: "it's like the Apollo Project, constructed as an example of the success of America."

It is actually considered a prequel to the first two games.

As with the first game, there's a twist. Columbia, it turns out, is not just a floating world's fair, but a death star. The player's mission is to save a young woman (Elisabeth) who's been kidnapped and holds enormous power. Gamers will play as Booker DeWitt, a disgraced member of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency.

Infinite will be the third BioShock. Irrational did not develop the second installment, which was developed by 2K Marin. The third installment is expected to be released for the PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and PCs.

The original BioShock won numerous awards when it was released. Including being named game of the year for 2007 by BAFTA, Spike TV, X-Play and Game Informer.

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▶ David Beckham

Beckham 'dismissed' on TV

England manager hints at end of soccer star's international career during interview

With one passing comment, the greatest soccer icon of the last generation has been humiliatingly dismissed by his national manager.

In a TV interview broadcast before England's friendly match with Hungary on Wednesday, team manager Fabio Capello was asked about David Beckham's future in the English set-up.

Beckham, 35, missed the World Cup with an ankle injury, from which he is still recovering. During the disastrous tournament, he acted as a "special adviser" to Capello on the bench.

Capello breathtakingly signalled an end to Beckham's international career in alarmingly flippant language.

"Thank you for helping me during the World Cup, but probably (Beckham is) a little bit old," Capello said. "Thank you."

The bludgeon blow was sharpened by the fact that Capello had not thought to talk to Beckham first.

"There has been no discussion of retirement," a Beckham spokesperson said. "He will always be available for his country, when fit, and if needed he will be there.

Capello has come under increasing pressure as the England manager. He narrowly survived England's Round of 16 drubbing by Germany in the World Cup. He's been accused of treating his duties with a detachment bordering on disinterest. That impression was deepened following England's 2-1 victory on Wednesday, when Capello seemed shocked that anyone had taken his comments amiss.

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Saskatchewan war hero to be championed on History channel

A film that tells the story of a Saskatchewan war hero is to be shown on the History Television channel this Nov. 11 — Remembrance Day.

Storming Juno is a joint project between Windup Filmworks in Toronto and E1 Entertainment.

It will feature William Grayson of Moose Jaw, who served as a lieutenant with the Regina Rifles on D-Day.

Grayson was awarded the Military Cross for bravery and leadership for his service on June 6, 1944, when his regiment fought its way farther inland from the Normandy invasion beaches than any other allied unit.

"William Grayson was able to silence the shooting from a huge bunker. He was able to get up close and lob in a grenade and was a real hero," said Dolores Hatch, a consultant for the film.

Her uncle, Glenn Dickin, was also member of the regiment and was killed on D-Day. Producer Christopher Gagosz said the film follows Grayson's actions on that morning when Canadian, British and American troops invaded France on five beaches. The Canadian beach was code-named Juno.

"He actually led the first assault on the beach and took a bunker on Juno Beach," he said. "He singlehandily took a major fortification and captured about two dozen Germans."

The Regina Rifles suffered one of the highest casualties rates of all the attacking allied units that day.

The film includes a companion piece about people who knew Grayson, but the producers are hoping for more information and pictures. They are appealing for people who knew him to get in touch and hope to speak with relatives or veterans who served with him.

Windup Film Works can be contacted at windupfilmworks.com.

Gagosz said they wanted to do a story about D-Day that captured the role Canadians played in the important historical event.

"It's to give people a sense of what that day was like for the young guys going into battle."

The film company also plans to launch a website in conjunction with the Historical Dominion Institute.

Military historian Gerry Carline knew Grayson and said the infantry officer left the military after the war and became a lawyer.

▶Producer Christopher Gagosz.

"Bill was a great guy. He was a really fine man," Carline said. "He was absolutely proud of his military contributions and the Regina Rifles are very proud of what they did on D-Day."

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▶ Sum 41 singer Deryck Whibley.

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"Knowing that they are unable to deliver their signature high-energy show, Sum 41 made the tough decision that a break is needed while Deryck begins rehabilitation for the slipped disc," the band posted on its website.

The band had already been forced to cancel Warped Tour dates earlier this month when Whibley was stricken with a case of bronchitis.

"Being a part of the Warped Tour this summer meant a lot to us," drummer Steve Jocz said in a statement on the band's site.

"We haven't toured in two years and the bands, the crowds and the entire Warped Tour crew have been amazing to us. We were excited to be back in front of our fans and are very disappointed that we have to pull off the tour.

"We know that it would be more frustrating for the fans if we can't give it our all. Deryck is doing everything he can to get himself better and we're there for him."

The band also posted that Whibley was expected to make a full recovery.

They also said they planned to follow through on the European tour set to begin Aug. 31 in Switzerland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parenting experts back Team Aniston

The Switch actress gets support for comments about single motherhood, claiming O'Reilly is "out of touch"

Bill O'Reilly may still be squawking about how Jennifer Aniston is "destructive to society," because her new movie, The Switch, sends the message to kids that a woman doesn't need a man to have a baby. But parenting experts weighing in on the media squabble are firmly Team Aniston, saying the host of FOX News' The O'Reilly Factor is out of touch with modern society.

"It's unrealistic and not in touch with how family is changing," social psychologist Susan Newman, author of Parenting an Only Child, tells gossip website PopEater.

"The traditional family that we have always known as mom, dad and two kids is no longer the traditional family."

The Conservative blowhard flipped out over comments made by the 41-year-old actress while promoting her film, where she plays a woman who decides to conceive by using a sperm donor and artificial insemination.

Said Aniston: "Women are realizing more and more that you don't have to settle, they don't have to fiddle with a man to have that child. They are realizing if it's that time in their life and they want this part they can do it with or without that."

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▶ Aniston, or as she's known around the FOX studios, the fourth horsewoman of the Apocalypse.

Talking points

Grammer's new lady friend is knocked up

AND KELSEY HAS NOW BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE GOLD DIGGERS' HALL OF FAME UNDER 'EASIEST TARGET'. Kelsey Grammer may have been trying to keep news of his alleged new girlfriend, British flight attendant Kayte Walsh, under wraps, but Walsh's dad has other ideas, telling the press that not only are they together but Walsh is also pregnant with Grammer's fifth child, according to Hollyscoop.

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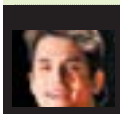
Celebrity tweets

Samantha Ronson [@samantharonson] The only bummer about being a "grown up" is.... trying to organize a trip to disneyland isn't all that easy.

Eliza Dushku [@elizadushku] I've been asleep nonstop. Holy jetlag. Fells like I'm on a bottle of q.ludes everytime I open my ojos...

Adam Levine [@adamlevine] Chefs have replaced DJs as the thing that everyone suddenly thinks they are...



John Mayer [@johncmayer] True story: I get wasted and order products from Knife Show for my friends. Tony gets a $35.00 katana blade. Item no. CCN-10100.

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Super gel

A gel named Nexagon developed by a team led by David Becker, a professor of cell and developmental biology at University College London, is being hailed as a solution to major chronic wounds including ulcers.

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Young adults in Canada are struggling to find family doctors

One burger, four cuts of meat

Solving the problem of dry burgers ▶ A hands-off approach helps keep the meat fluffy

LARRY CROWE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ The Wayfare Tavern Burger includes four different cuts of meat in the patty.

Ingredients :
- 250 g (1/2 lb) ground prime rib
- 500 g (1 lb) ground brisket
- 500 g (1 lb) ground skirt steak
- 250 g (1/2 lb) ground filet
- 8 hamburger buns
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 large red onion, sliced into 5-mm (1/4-inch) rings
- 250 ml (1 cup) lemon aioli
- 250 g (1/2 lb) brie, cut into thin slices

When Tyler Florence was creating hamburgers for his new restaurant, his goal was simple — a burger that stays moist no matter how well-done it is cooked.

The solution was all a matter of numbers — one month of experimenting with the percentage of fat and the number of cuts of meat.

"Most people do an 80-20 lean-to-fat ratio," Florence, whose Wayfare Tavern opened recently in San Francisco, said in a telephone interview.

"We go 75-to-25 ratio, so it's a little fattier. So even if you like it well done, it's still nice and moist."

For the cuts of meat, Florence settled on four of them — prime rib, brisket, skirt steak and filet. And after they are ground (at another facility), it's mostly a hands-off procedure.

"When it comes in, no one is really allowed to touch it except to take it out of the package and weigh it out," said Florence, host of Food Network's The Great Food Truck Race. "It gets touched once before it goes on the grill. It loses that fluffiness once you work it too much. It starts to become chewy really quickly."

Florence was equally exacting when it came to toppings.

"You can't just put stuff on top of the burger for the sake of it," he said. "To me, it's got to be very purposeful stuff. You have to really think it through so it's a complimentary flavour and not a distraction from the burger."

For the AP's 20 Burgers of Summer series, Florence opted for an intensely savoury and creamy combination of oven-roasted red onions, lemon aioli and brie.

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, mix prime rib, brisket, skirt steak and filet together until well blended, but not overworked.
2. Divide meat into 8 portions and shape into patties. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
4. Arrange onion slices in a single layer on prepared pan. Roast onion slices for 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Set aside.
5. Heat grill on high. Grill burgers to desired doneness, about 4 minutes on each side for medium-rare.
6. Top bottom half of each roll with a burger, some of the red onions, aioli and brie.

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Superfood: Baobab

The African Baobab tree produces a coconut shell-like fruit covered in yellowish velvety hair. The powdery pulp of the fruit is renowned for its health benefits.

Dr. Lucy Welford of Phyto-Trade Africa says, "Baobab offers consumers a powerful nutritional punch. With antioxidant levels over twice that of goji berries, more calcium than milk, more iron than spinach and high levels of magnesium and potassium, it's no wonder it's been touted as the new "superfood." The pulp has been made into a honey-like jam with a gritty texture and lemony taste.

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Nissen ends his freestyle career

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▶ Kyle Nissen at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Two-time Olympian Kyle Nissen of Calgary has retired after a decade on the Canadian freestyle aerials ski team.

The 30-year-old won a dozen World Cup medals during his career, including two golds. He participated in four world championships and two Olympics.

Nissen finished fifth in both the 2006 and 2010 Winter Olympics. He was ranked first heading into his final jump in Vancouver in February, but did not score well and dropped out of a podium finish.

"I haven't been missing the jumping at all," said Nissen. "The Games left a valley in my desire to ski. I wanted to see if once the pain of the Games wore off my desire would come back (and) it hasn't.

"That's not to say he doesn't miss other aspects of the sport. I already miss the travelling and the people."

Nissen's best season was 2006, when he finished second in the overall World Cup standings.

His teammate Steve Omischl of North Bay, Ont., also retired this summer after a career that included four world titles. Nissen will study computer science at the University of Calgary this fall.

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Federer prevails in an old-school battle

Rogers Cup match with Llodra centres on creativity, not brute force
Djokovic and Nadal also advance

Michael Llodra tried every trick in the book in his third-round match with Roger Federer at the Rogers Cup.

Fancy drop shots. A between-the-legs volley. He even tried an underhand serve.

Federer was ready for almost all of it on the sun-baked hardcourt at the Rexall Centre, and advanced to the quarter-finals with a 7-6 (2), 6-3 victory on Thursday. Top-seeded Rafael Nadal of Spain, second-seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia and fourth-seeded Andy Murray of Britain also posted victories to move on to the final eight.

The Federer-Llodra match was a return to old-school tennis, with both players showing creativity and aggressiveness instead of the more common baseline power game used by many at the sport's top level.

The crowd ate it up and the players enjoyed it too. Llodra even picked up a souvenir after shaking hands with the two-time champion, asking Federer for his pink tennis shirt.

The top two seeds posted straight-set victories as Djokovic downed Victor Hanescu of Romania 6-3, 6-4 while Nadal beat South African qualifier Kevin Anderson 6-2, 7-6 (6).

Federer will get a chance to avenge his loss at Wimbledon to Tomas Berdych in what should be a dandy quarter-final matchup on Friday.

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Upsets

- Fifth-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden dropped a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 decision to Argentina's David Nalbandian.
- Jeremy Chardy of France knocked off sixth-seeded Russian Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 6-2.

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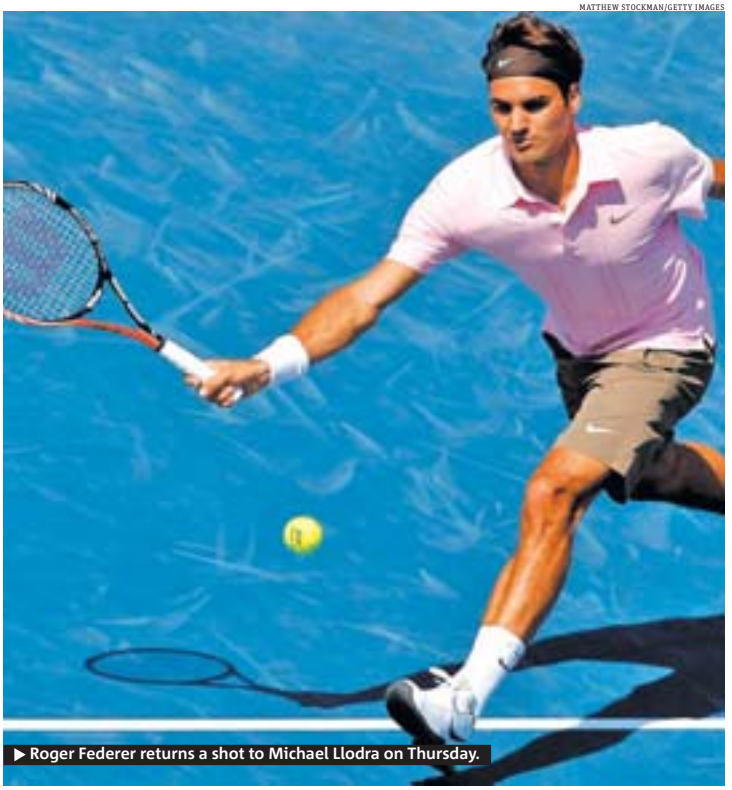

▶ Roger Federer returns a shot to Michael Llodra on Thursday.

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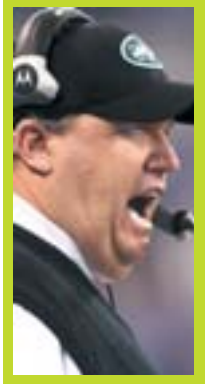

"Sometimes you get rolling and that's what happens. I don't know why. I apologize if I offended more people than I usually offend."

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Sports in brief

Bartoli beats Wozniacki

TENNIS. Sixteenth-seeded Marion Bartoli won eight straight games on her way to beating second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-1 in the third round of the Cincinnati Women's Open on Thursday.

Twelfth-seeded Yanina Wickmayer also reached the quarter-finals with a 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4) win over eighth-seeded Li Na, while 11th-seeded Flavia Pennetta knocked out sixth-seeded Vera Zvonareva 6-4, 6-3.

End of the line for Chipper?

MLB. Chipper Jones' agent says he'll need surgery on his injured left knee and is likely done for the season.

The Atlanta Braves third baseman had already said he would consider retirement at the end of the year, and he may have played his last game after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament Tuesday while fielding a ground ball at Houston.

Mets suspend Rodriguez

MLB. Francisco Rodriguez was suspended for two days by the Mets on

Thursday, a day after police said the star pitcher grabbed his father-in-law from a Citi Field family lounge, struck him in the face and banged his head against the wall.

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Tiger shows signs of return to form

Woods briefly reaches top of leaderboard at PGA Championship ◐ Errant shots leave him one under par

Tiger Woods broke par in the PGA Championship, cause for celebration Thursday.

It wasn't as good as Bubba Watson and Francesco Molinari of Italy, who handled the breeze and bunkers at Whistling Straits and wound up atop the leaderboard at 4-under 68 among those who finished the first round.

Then again, it wasn't nearly as bad as what some were expecting.

Even after the fog lifted along the shores of Lake Michigan, no one was sure what they would see from Woods. The answer came early, with three birdies on his opening holes to — get this — put his name atop the leaderboard.

But only briefly.

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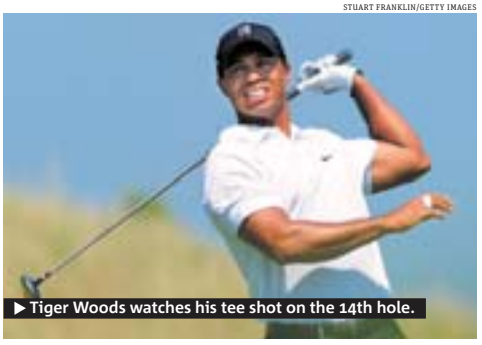

▶ Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the 14th hole.

There were enough errant shots, including one that went so far left it found a marsh he didn't know was there, that Woods had to make an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 1-under 71.

"I've played too good not to shoot under par," Woods said. "It would've been very disappointing and frustrating to end up at even par as well as I played today. To make that putt — to shoot under par — just feels like that's what I should have shot the way I played today. And that's a good feeling."

Since when is shooting 71 a good feeling for a guy with 14 majors?

When he's coming off the worst tournament of his career, an 18-over 298 at Firestone to beat only one player in the field, raising questions that ranged from whether this would be his last PGA Tour event of the year in America to whether he belonged in the Ryder Cup.

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3 hours

The fog delayed the start by just over three hours. The late starters will finish the first round Friday morning and immediately start the second round.

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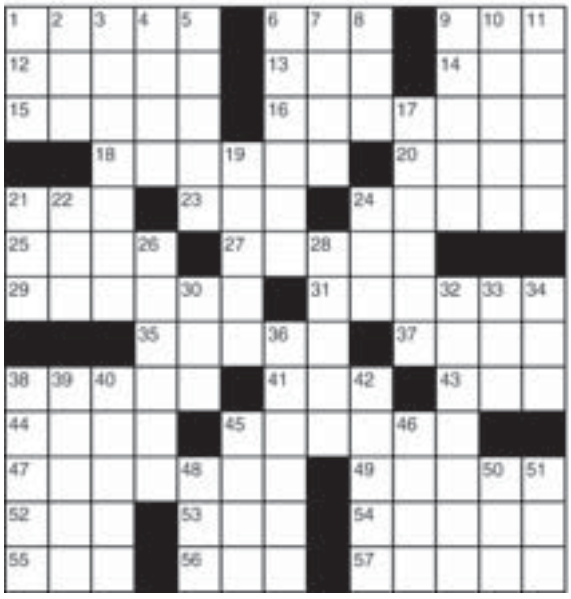

Across

1 Morrison's band
6 "Caught ya!"
9 — -o'-shanter
12 Beginning
13 Sister
14 In vitro cells
15 One showing promise
16 First book
18 Pizza topping, at times
20 Nitty-gritty
21 Insult (Sl.)
23 Crony
24 Admits customers
25 Domingo offering
27 Tag
29 Fight
31 O. Henry-esque
35 Mythical lecher
37 Bigfoot's cousin
38 West Pointer
41 Mag. staffers
43 Chic, in the '60s
44 Mine entrance
45 Costume ball
47 Car's framework
49 Big name at Indy
52 Anderson's "High —"
53 Performance
54 — a dozen
55 Gelid
56 Petrol
57 "— Buddies"

Down

1 Elmer, to Bugs
2 Yoko of music
3 Effortless assimilation
4 Film holder
5 Denude
6 Bassett or Lansbury
7 Colors
8 Raggedy one?
9 "— a fine lady upon a white horse"
10 Re 28-Down
11 Spars
17 Use
19 Parking lot attendant
21 Lah-di- —
22 401(k) alternative
24 "— the ramparts ..."
26 Not liabilities
28 Hitchcock menacers
30 Long. crosser
32 Foe
33 "Who am — judge?"
34 Literary Spanish hero
36 Fermentation fungi
38 They often break Wile E. Coyote's falls
39 For this purpose
40 Blog, so to speak
42 Small pigeon
45 Isinglass
46 Wreck
48 Succumb to gravity
50 Comic Philips
51 Sleep phenom

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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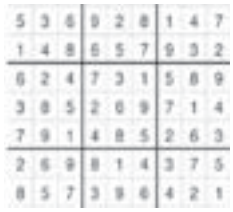

A look at the weather

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 Steer clear of contentious issues today, especially those involving politics or religion. You may have strong views on certain subjects, but so do other people. You won't persuade them. Keep your distance.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 You are being far too serious about something that's really of no importance at all. Take your mind off the issue by seeking out people who make you feel good, who make you laugh.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may be of the opinion that someone you work or do business with is trying to undermine your efforts, but in fact they are trying to help you. Listen and learn.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 No matter how annoying certain individuals may be you must not allow yourself to be provoked. You may be angry on the inside, but on the outside you should project a picture of calm serenity.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A sudden attraction is likely today, but you are really too different for the relationship, such as it is, to stand the test of time. Treat it as a bit of fun.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You need to do a bit of serious thinking about a partnership or association that has been quite profitable in the past, but seems to be running out of steam. In a nutshell: It's holding you back.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You would be wise to take things slow and easy today, because what happens over the weekend will demand your full attention and every last bit of energy you can muster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Something you hear while on the move today will inspire you to aim higher and try harder and before the day is over your mind will be teeming with plans for the rest of the year.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Life has been so kind to you of late that some people, both at home and at work, are feeling a bit resentful. If they had your positive attitude maybe they would get lucky, too.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are right to feel pleased with what you have accomplished in recent weeks, but you know what they say about pride coming before a fall. Times may be good, but take nothing for granted.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Stop worrying about what has gone wrong and start thinking about all the wonderful things that are going to go right today, tomorrow and every day of your life from now on.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Usually you are only too eager to come to the aid of someone in need, but today you just want to be left alone. Find a quite place where you can be alone. SALLY BROMPTON

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- Tate H., Calgary

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- Attai J., Calgary

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